

I am a 13 year flight attendant and would like to express my concerns about the use of cell phones in flight. Our job is challenging enough without having to deal with one more challenge when faced with a difficult situation. Having had to deal with a variety of emergency situations in the air I can tell you that giving the passenger the use of cell phones would jeopardize the safety of the aircraft. Panic breeds panic, distraction leads lack of knowledge which can lead to chaos, in an emergency these are the things the flight crew needs to minimize. My other concern is the day to day use of cell phones. Passengers are already tense and living in there me, my, I world. Giving them one more tool to keep them in that world is inconsiderate to everyone and breeds the potential of anger which can lead to safety issues as well. Please take these points into consideration when making this decision. Would you as a passenger want to sit on a plane for an hour or five hours listening to 1 - 100 plus people talk, imagine the volume. Please look at the big picture and what it means to everyone involved. Thanks for your time.